

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The Long-Term
Challenge

THE political fitness of the decision by Malaya's Federation Government to offer an amnesty to Communist terrorists need not be questioned. The big doubt which arises is whether the move has any real chance of success. Examine the terms of the proposed offer. They are: proved loyalty to Malaya; respect for legal and constitutional authority; acceptance of the Malayan way of life; readiness to conform with Malayan political movements which are recognised by the government; agreement to the abolition of the Malayan Communist Party. Surely nothing could be fairer or less exacting? And to anybody but a Communist terrorist they would have a powerful appeal. But a Communist, who is at the same time a terrorist, is the sworn enemy of constitutional rule and authority as understood in the democracies. He owes loyalty only to his party's cause, and to offer him immunity from reprisals or punishment if he disowns his party probably would be regarded as the biggest insult imaginable.

If the reaction in Kenya to the amnesty offered to the Mau Mau is any criterion, it is extremely unlikely that there will be any substantial acceptance of the amnesty which the Malaya Federal Government intends to offer.

THERE is another consideration. Mass acceptance of the amnesty by the terrorists would achieve the aim of bringing them out of the jungle and terminating the military emergency. But would it stop their subversive activities? True, they could be placed under strict surveillance, but it would be extremely naive to imagine that because the terrorists are out of the jungle and back into civilisation, and have repudiated Communism as a political movement, Communism and all its influences directed against constitutional authority would evaporate into thin air.

It has still to be demonstrated that between a legally recognised Communist Party and a Communist movement driven underground, the latter is the lesser of two evils. And the banning of the Communist Party in Malaya inevitably means that the movement will continue to function surreptitiously, and in consequence, more insidiously.

HOLDING out much greater hope for an effective campaign against the Communists is the Chief Minister's proposal to mobilise moral and physical support of everybody in Federal Malaya not only to withstand present pressure from the Communists, but to make it impossible for Communism to exist in the country.

It is the will and determination of the people, rather than political laws, which outlay Communism. Amnesties can fulfil a limited purpose, tentatively ending a state of emergency. But it is necessary to remember that if the Malayan government's amnesty achieves its objective, it does not mean that Communism will be automatically banished from the country.

Elimination of Communism as a potent factor in the life of Malaya will be a lengthy process. It will best be achieved through the medium of good and efficient government, winning for itself the confidence and respect of the masses. This is the long-term challenge to the government of Malaya now beginning a new constitutional era.

Anger Of Europeans In French North Africa Aroused
REVENGE CAMPAIGN FEARED

Danger Of Bloodbath
In South Morocco

Casablanca, Aug. 24.

The French authorities feared today that mounting anger among European residents in North Africa might unleash a campaign of revenge equal in ferocity to the bloody weekend uprising which cost over 1,700 lives.

The toll of dead in Algeria and Morocco rose 200 more today when the authorities announced that 1,000 rebels had died in Algeria alone.

That uprising was still far from stamped out. Reports of new bombings and armed attacks poured in from Eastern Algeria.

In Morocco, the tribesmen of the high Atlas Mountains were reported catching the fever of warfare from the Berbers, who poured down into the plains of Central Morocco for an orgy of massacre.

Marrakech, the capital of South Morocco and domain of the Pasha of Marrakech, was itself under threat of danger, military sources said. Pasha el Glaoui, has been one of France's strongest supporters in the protectorate. If the high Atlas tribes become agitated enough to come down from the mountains, or "move" in the French phrase, South Morocco might suffer the fate Central Morocco suffered five days ago, the Pasha notwithstanding.

In Casablanca, an organisation called "The French Union of North Africans" circulated tracts calling on Morocco's 700,000 Europeans to "establish order" in Morocco "since France is not capable of doing so."

At the funeral today of General Raymond Duval, commander-in-chief of French troops in

Morocco, who was killed in an aeroplane accident, demonstrators from the "French Presence" organisation tried to drown out a speech by the Resident-General, Gilbert Grandval, with boos and whistles. The French Presence supports strong French rule in Morocco and has accused M. Grandval of "appealing" nationalism.

Town's Warning

In Algeria, the Mayor of Philippeville formally warned the French administration that the city would hold it responsible for "future failure, disorder and useless deaths which the continuation of present policy can only foster."

The funeral yesterday of 80 victims of the rebel uprising of Algeria, wreaths sent by the Governor - General, Jacques Soustelle, and the Prefect of the Constantine Department were torn from the coffins and trampled underfoot. The Prefect, who was present, was hooted from the cemetery.

Through the Philippeville and Constantine areas, the promise by M. Soustelle to arm isolated farmers has stimulated the formation of improved militia among the Europeans.

There is hardly a village where these vigilantes do not participate in rebel "hunts", sometimes with frenzied enthusiasm.

Reporter Georges Penchenier of the Paris Le Monde, reported from Philippeville that he witnessed a French Army "punitive" expedition against an Arab village where some of the rebels were thought to have come from. The young men had deserted the place, leaving old men, women and children behind. Fifty of them were killed.

European Rebels

Other reports indicated that Europeans, mostly non-French, had taken part in the uprising on the rebel side. The authorities refused to give any interpretation to these reports.

Poisoned Milk
Kills 5 Babies

Tokyo, Aug. 24.

Arsenic in powdered milk has caused the death of five babies among other infants in Southern Japan, it was reported today.

Four babies died in Okayama; one in Hiroshima; 22 in Okayama and seven in Hiroshima were suffering from arsenic poisoning.

The Okayama University discovered that the powdered milk of the Morinaga company contained small amounts of arsenic.

Health officials said that fly paper coated with the poison might have fallen into a vat. United Press.

ALLEGED BRUTAL TREATMENT OF A KIKUYU

Nyeri, Kenya, Aug. 24. A Kikuyu prisoner was beaten and manacled in "an indescribable position with his hands between his legs and then placed behind his neck," a Crown Counsel alleged at a magistrate's preliminary hearing here today, when two European police inspectors were charged with murder.

The two officers are Inspector Anthony P. Fuller, 33, who came from 11, Highbury Road, Hampstead, London, and Inspector G. J. Macdonald, 37, who was put during six days in custody.

Water, 23, born at Cork, Ireland, and later of 45 Seapoint Avenue, Monkstown, County, Dublin.

They are charged with the murder of an African named Kamau on May 10 at Galitanga police station in Nyeri district. The Crown Counsel, Mr. Donald O'Sullivan, told the court that a doctor would say the evidence that the two officers had been at the scene of the murder was "a matter of common sense."



MR SHIGEMITSU

Mr Shigemitsu
Has Lots To Discuss
In Washington

San Francisco, Aug. 24.

Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister, said at a press conference today that he would discuss with Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, the possible release of Japanese war criminals.

Mr Shigemitsu said the retention of the war criminals in custody was contrary to the current United States-Japanese policy of working together and co-operation, especially in the Pacific.

Mr Shigemitsu, who arrived here earlier today by air on his way to Washington for conferences, said the subject of war criminals would be one of the most important on the agenda. Mr Shigemitsu said during his press conference:

1. Provisions of the United States - Japanese mutual security pact, signed here in 1951, following the drafting of the Japanese peace treaty, would be discussed.
2. Japan would not ask for the withdrawal of United States troops in Japan until Japan had completed the building of its military defence forces with special emphasis on a land army.
3. Another subject of the Washington agenda would be the relaxation of restrictions on trade with Communist China.

China. Whether this subject would be accorded serious discussion would be up to the United States, the Foreign Minister indicated, saying: "I may touch on that subject."

4. He had no intention of raising the subject of Japan assessing foreign nationals at the Japanese national rate when the new income tax law was applied next year. No special concessions would be given to United States citizens, he said.

5. The numerical number of Communists in Japan was small, with the strength in the Diet "negligible." But the Communist influence was "not negligible at all but rather influential, and is the root of all political troubles we are having in Japan," he said.

In reply to a question concerning the possibility of revision of the terms of the mutual security pact, he said that the agreement needed some revision so the two nations would be able to advance "even more in the direction of mutual co-operation."

He did not reply directly to a question asking whether Japan would seek atomic weapons as part of its defensive arsenal. He said Japan intended to build up its forces and until it was able to do so, Japan would depend on the strength of the United States.

"REALISTICALLY, NO"

Asked whether Japan desired the withdrawal of United States troops, the Foreign Minister said:

"Theoretically yes, because we should like to complete our independence, but we are not just yet prepared to ask for that, so the answer is, realistically, no."

He added that the Communists were responsible for the agitation for withdrawal of United States troops at the present time. (Cont'd on back page, Col. 1)

Heat Wave
In Britain
Continues

London, Aug. 24. Britain's heatwave spell continued today with the temperature hitting 80 degrees Fahrenheit in London in the early afternoon. Similar conditions were reported throughout the country.

Weather experts predict a continuation of the present spell which threatens feeding difficulties with livestock. Pasture land on high ground is drying up. —Reuter.

Prosecution's Allegation

HAMMERED WIFE &
BABY TO DEATH

Bromley, Kent, Aug. 24.

The son of a former chief of Scotland Yard's murder squad went off to see a burlesque show in London after hammering his wife and infant daughter to death, a court was told here today.

Frederick Chapman, 32, is charged with battering his wife and daughter to death in the bathroom of their neat suburban home here.

The prosecution charged at a preliminary hearing today that Chapman spent the rest of the night driving around in the dark and down to the south coast resort city of Brighton.

Chapman surrendered at Brighton the next day, telling police: "I have murdered my wife and child," the prosecution said.

Chapman, a slim, fair-haired schoolteacher, was described as the sensitive son of a dominant and successful policeman, the late Chief Superintendent William Chapman, whose bland appearance won him the nickname "The Cherub" in London's underworld.

"SPLIT PERSONALITY"

Chapman's lawyer, said the accused thought he was a failure in anything he had undertaken. The defence would base its case on showing Chapman had a split personality, he said.

The prosecution said Chapman told police he was laying a path in the garden with a round-headed hammer, when his wife, Irene, called him into the bathroom where she was bathing their year-old daughter.

"I went into the bathroom behind my wife without saying anything at all. I hit my wife four or five times," the statement said. "I hit her again four or five times. I hit my daughter over the head four or five times and she too fell forward into the bath," he said.

"I killed the baby because I did not want it to grow up

knowing what I had done to her mummy."

Chapman was committed for trial at today's hearing. —China Mail Special.

"Invasion" Of
Kashmir, Plan

Karachi, Aug. 24. Ten thousand volunteers are being organised for a "peaceful invasion" on September 15 of Indian-held Kashmir, it was announced today.

The announcement, from the Christian Zamilindara Labour League in Lahore, said 10,000 unarmed Christian "Satyagrahis" will march across the Pakistan border into Kashmir as the first batch of 200,000 the League believes will eventually demonstrate in a similar manner.

The League's president, Zafar Iqbal, is planning to lead the march, and leaders of the League contend that India should interpose no objections since the Indians used similar tactics in procuring the Portuguese for the merger of Goa with India.

A spokesman for the Pakistani Foreign Office refused today to comment on the Government's attitude towards the proposed "Satyagraha." —United Press.

Armed Forces To
Be Rescued

Prague, Aug. 24. The Czechoslovak Government decided today to cut down its armed forces by 24,000 men by December 28.

An official communiqué released here today by the Czechoslovak Government announced the reduction move had been made in consideration of the Geneva Pact. It said the Government's attitude towards the move was "a matter of course."

Harwell Is
Thrown Open
To Foreign
Scientists

Harwell, Aug. 24. Today for the first time since its inception in 1947 the British atomic centre of Harwell opened its doors to inspection by a group of 120 international atomic scientists, 15 of whom were Russians.

Fifteen newsmen were allowed to accompany the scientists. The scientists, splitting up into small parties, accompanied by guides and interpreters passed from one section of the atomic city to another, frequently through iron barriers guarded by policemen.

They visited departments devoted to isotopes, nuclear physics, chemical engineering and general physics. In a huge building devoted to radio-chemical research the visitors saw teams of scientists working in white smocks and their shoes also wrapped in white containers. On emerging from this building everybody was tested by a Geiger counter for personal radioactivity.

The impression made by Harwell on the foreign visitors was considerable. In eight short years Harwell research centre has become one of the greatest and most complete in the world. Many scientific instruments needed in the work are manufactured within the centre itself. Harwell in a sense is an entire town devoted to the atom.

The visitors were also impressed by the relatively small number of people who work at Harwell. Not only is the number of scientists at Harwell small but they have given to Great Britain a leading position in a science which promises a new golden era for humanity. —France-Press.

Boys Raided
Armoury

Liverpool, Aug. 24. Four boys were accused in court here today of an arms theft which sparked a nationwide hunt for Irish Republican Army gunmen thought to be involved.

The boys, whose ages range from 14 to 16 were charged with ransacking the armoury of a local cadet college and making off with a minor arsenal of shot guns, rifles and ammunition.

The theft followed close on the heels of renewed IRA activity in Britain, and police clamped a 24-hour watch on ports and airfields.

But they finally found the arms in an air-raid shelter 300 yards from the armoury.

The four boys, whose names were not revealed in accordance with English law governing juveniles, were remanded for eight days. —Reuter.

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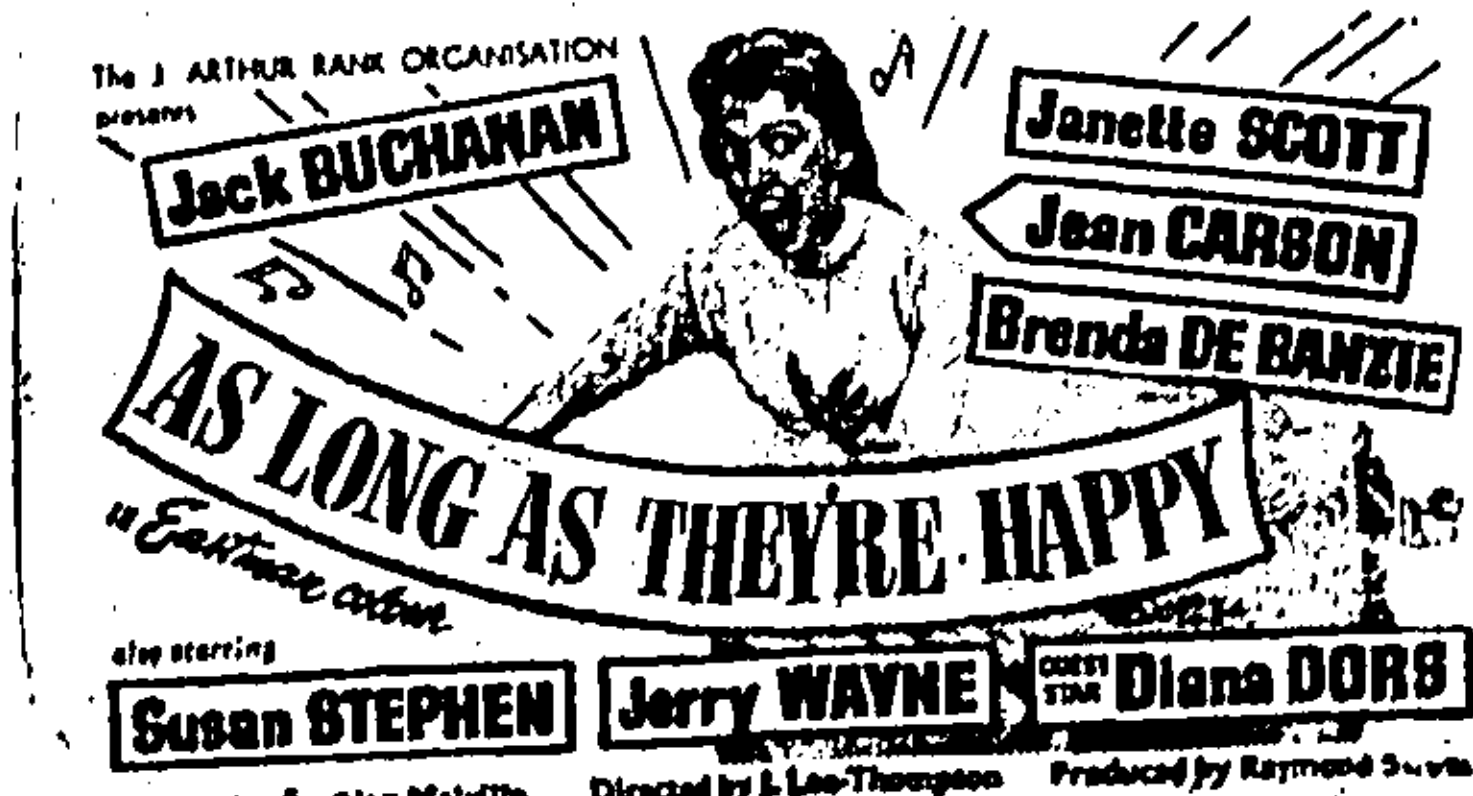
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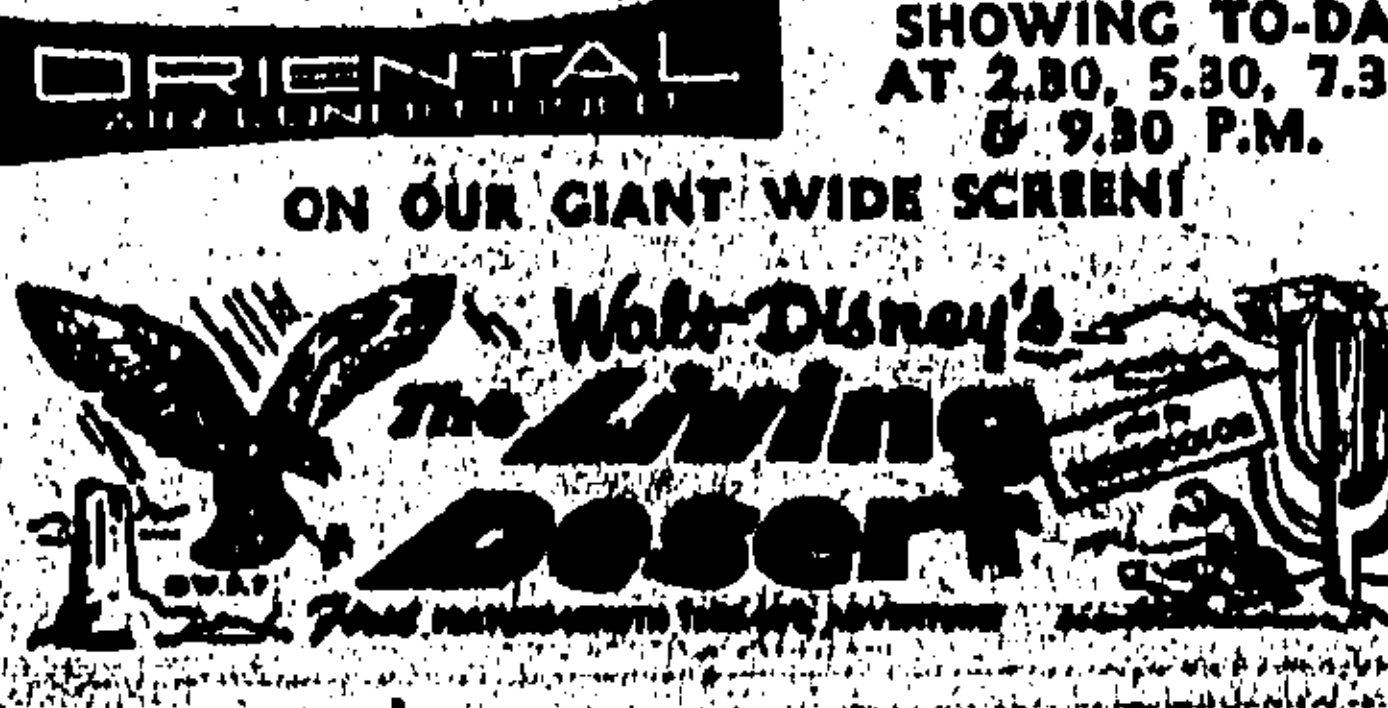
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ADDED LATEST PARAMOUNT NEWS



CHINA DEMANDS ACTION ON STUDENTS IN AMERICA

London, Aug. 24.

Communist China called on the United States today to prove "with deeds, not words" that it is not preventing Chinese students in the US from returning to their Red homeland.

A Peking Radio broadcast monitored here gave the text of an editorial in the People's Daily—official organ of the Red Chinese Government—which welcomed the news that the US intends to give Chinese students the choice of returning to their homeland or staying in America.

But it questioned whether the US really intended to implement its promise. "The American Government has resorted to all sorts of measures in the past few years, including intimidation and persecution, to prevent Chinese students from returning home," charged the People's Daily.

Hinder Them

"We certainly welcome the announcement that the Chinese students are able to come back, but the question is whether these words are being transformed into reality. Unfortunately, the facts do not tally with the US Government's words. The US Government immigration service had demanded that all students wishing to leave the country do so within two weeks, 'solely to hinder them.' It also stated 'the molestation of the deportation procedure' as one of the methods by which the United States allegedly tries to keep Chinese students from returning home." —United Press.

Wool Prices Likely To Fall

Melbourne, Aug. 24. Wool prices at next week's sales are likely to drop sharply because of the Australian wool shippers' refusal to renew the current contract for wool shipments expiring on August 31, exporters said today. The wool shippers' decision follows a stand by overseas ship-owners for a 10 per cent increase in freight rates to Britain and Europe. Mr. A. P. Jones, President of the New South Wales Development Group, said buyers would go carefully because they always took into account the costs that had to be met in shipping wool to their home countries. —China Mail Special.

Moscow-Belgrade Air Service

Belgrade, Aug. 24. A delegation of the Yugoslav Government left here today for Moscow to discuss with Soviet representatives the conclusion of a civil air transport convention, it was announced today. The delegation, headed by Mr. Dragoljub Djuric, a Foreign Office official, will also negotiate the establishment of a regular air service between Moscow and Belgrade. —Reuter.

GRAIN RATIONING ON MAINLAND

London, Aug. 24.

A SYSTEM of rationing grain is to be introduced into Chinese towns and industrial and mining centres before the end of November, the Communist New China News Agency reported today. The ration will vary according to age and type of work. For instance, those on particularly heavy physical work will receive 65 catties (a cattie is just over a pound) of wheat flour a month. Office workers, teachers and shop assistants will get 31 catties, and "residents in general" 27.5 catties.

The news agency also announced new measures designed "to raise still further the initiative of peasants in increasing grain output."

In rural areas households will be classified as those with a grain surplus, those that are self-sufficient and those with a grain deficiency. Between 80 and 90 per cent of any surplus will be bought by the State, the Agency said. The self-sufficient households will not be required to sell grain and will not be allowed to buy it. The deficient households will be supplied by the State. —Reuter.

Western Co-Ordination For Foreign Ministers' Talks

Washington, Aug. 24.

The United States Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Mr. Livingston Merchant, will leave for Britain, France and Germany on Sunday for talks on the scheduled October Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting, the State Department announced here today.

Mr. Lincoln White, a Department spokesman, said Mr. Merchant's talks would be part of a United States plan to co-ordinate the positions of Britain, France and the United States and bring Atlantic Pact allies up to date on "advanced thinking" on the meeting.

Speaking at his daily press conference Mr. White said as part of the preparations for the Big Four meeting the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, would meet the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay. Joint working parties of lower level diplomats would be held also, he said. —Reuter.

SECURITY CHIEF SUSPENDED

Beirut, Aug. 24.

Lebanese security chief, Enir Faidr Shakh, and several other security officials, were suspended today following revolutions that General Adib Shishakly, former President of Syria now in exile, had clandestinely spent several days in Lebanon before being forced to leave for Europe.

The Lebanese Government, informed sources said, considers the matter serious enough to take strong measures, regardless of the truth or falseness of rumours that Shishakly had been laying plans for a coup d'etat in Syria against the new President, Shukri Kuwli. —France-Press.

SHY LITTLE PRINCESS



Ex-King Leopold and wife, Princess de Rethy with King Baudouin join in the fun while actor Georges amuses little Princess Marie Christine with a mask after the special performance of "Les Quatre Fils Aymon" seen by the Belgian Royal Family in the grounds of the Chateau d'Ardenne. —Express Photo.

Big Flood Relief Programme

Washington, Aug. 24.

The White House announced late today that the Federal Government will undertake a big flood relief programme without calling a special session of Congress.

The programme calls for up to \$100,000,000 of Federal money to be spent for repair of public facilities and clearance of debris. Uncalculated additional amounts will be put out in free surplus food, loans to farmers, loans to private home owners and businessmen and special treatment for defence plants.

President Eisenhower approved the plan during a brief stopover at the White House before departing for Denver today to resume his vacation.

The Civil Defence Chief, Val Peterson, in charge of Federal efforts to aid flood victims, told reporters at the White House: "Every agency of the Government is being contacted to see whether there are any specific ways they can do something to help."

No Exceptions

The presidential Press Secretary, James Hagerty, said the Congressional leaders of both Parties had agreed "without exception" to the desirability of using money the Government already has. "We believe the Government can meet the situation without calling a special session of Congress," said Mr. Hagerty.

The programme outlined by Mr. Hagerty also included surveys of housing and business damage, loan of Federal Health officers and scientists to the States.

Genoa, Aug. 24. A liner, the Aurelia, left here yesterday for Trieste, and Australia with 148 young wives and fiancées of Italian migrants in Australia. Most of the girls were married recently by proxy, but others will marry when they reach Australia. They are from all over Italy. —China Mail Special.

States and establishment of emergency offices to handle the load of flood relief work. —United Press.

Britain Eases Restrictions

London, Aug. 24. Britain announced today that she is easing her strict currency regulations to help victims of the floods which have swept the northeast United States.

An announcement from No. 10 Downing Street said: "Her Majesty's Government, remembering with gratitude the generous assistance received from the United States and from Canada in the flood disasters in this country, wish it to be known that they are allowing reasonable freedom of remittance in aid of the grievous floods in North America." —United Press.

Red Cross Appeal

Geneva, Aug. 24. The International Red Cross today launched a world appeal here for aid to the millions of victims of the floods which have recently ravaged regions of India and Pakistan.

Some assistance has already been prepared in different European centres. The first shipments of aid material to the disaster areas will take place within the next 48 hours. —France-Press.

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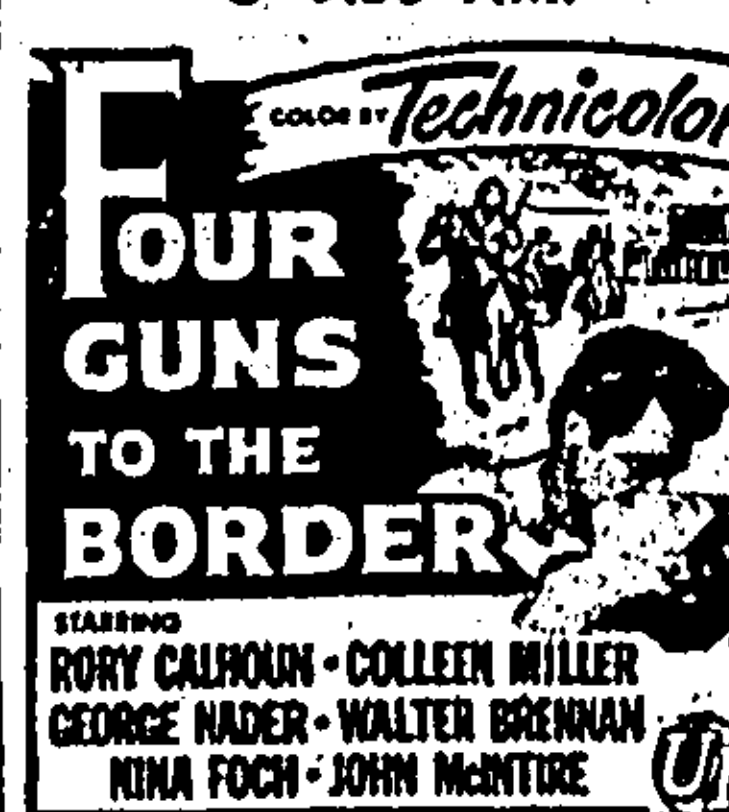
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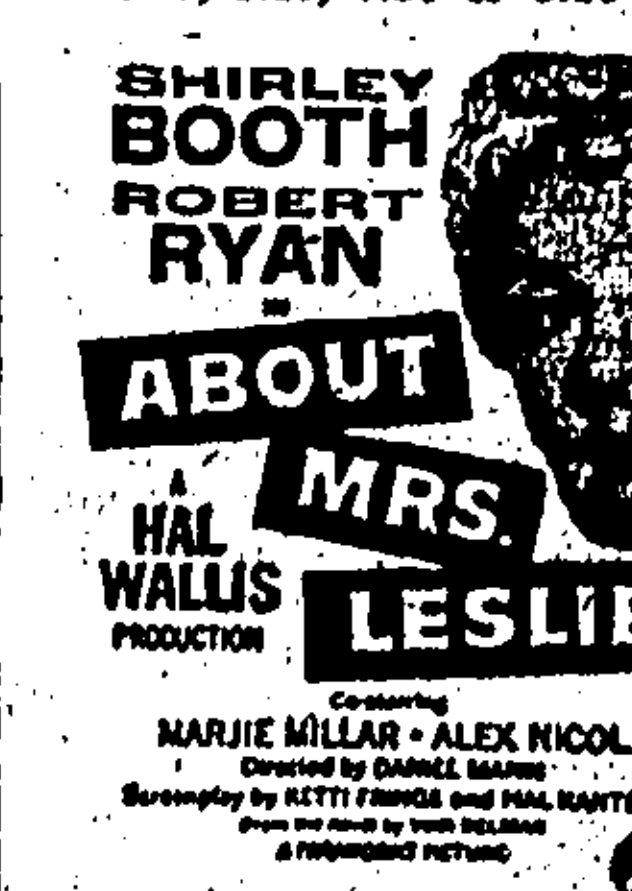
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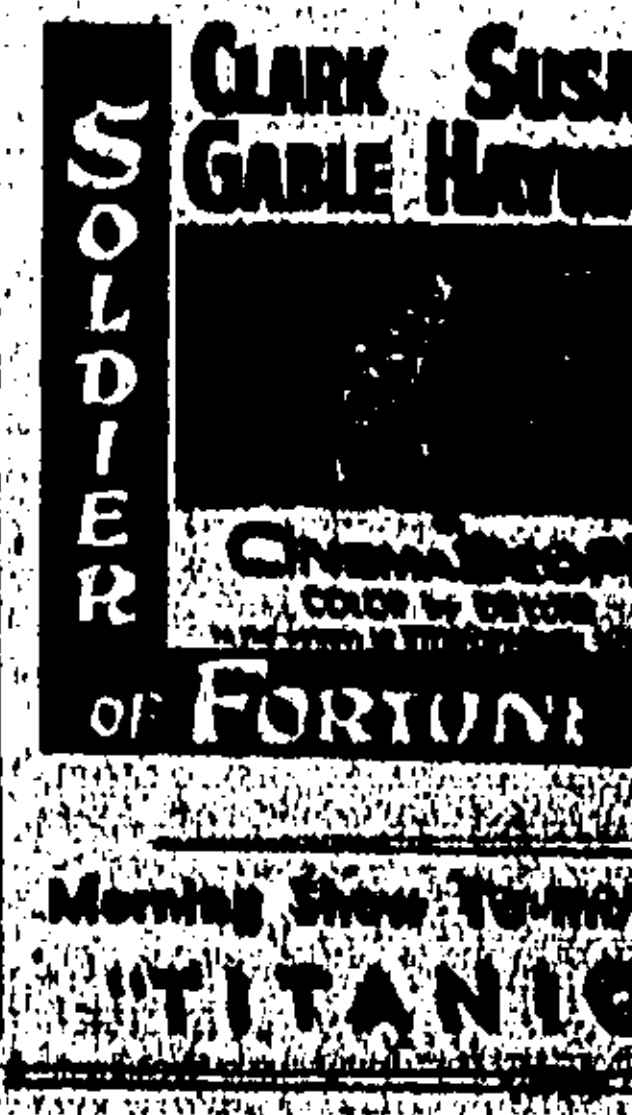


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NUTTING HOPEFUL ABOUT DISARMING Area Of Disagreement With Russia Narrowed Down 'SIGNS ARE GOOD'

London, Aug. 24.

Mr Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, left here by air today for New York to lead the British delegation to the United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee's talks beginning on Monday.

Mr Nutting is accompanied by several senior officials including Rear-Admiral G. A. Thring, of the Defence Ministry.

The Disarmament Sub-Committee's other member nations are France, the United States, Canada and Russia. Mr Nutting, before leaving London Airport, expressed optimism about the talks.

"We are all to some extent groping in the dark, but signs are good," he said.

Further Steps

He stressed that he would press for the acceptance of Sir Anthony Eden's suggestion, made at the "summit" conference in Geneva last month, for inspection on both sides of the dividing line in Europe.

The Minister declared they were not yet in sight of an agreed scheme for disarmament but had reached agreement about a number of things they would like to do when disarmament came.

How To Control

The most difficult problem was how to control disarmament, he said.

"I think I can fairly say that the Russians appear to be looking at this problem of disarmament somewhat more realistically than they have done in the past," Mr Nutting added.

Ancient Curse Lingers On

Ottawa, Aug. 24. The ancient "Walking Bear" curse is still feared by Indians on Manitoulin Island, at the North end of Lake Huron, according to Sylvia, a publication of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

This was revealed, Sylvia states, when the Ontario Paper Company put up posters designed to encourage prevention of forest fires which employed the figure of a "Smoking Bear" and his cubs, represented as standing on two feet instead of all four. Mr John Walker, a company official, declared that "as fast as we put up the signs, they were destroyed or defaced, though in some cases only the picture of the bear was torn out."

At first, children were suspected, but it was noticed that posters near the Indian reservation suffered most. When the signs were replaced with other posters, featuring beaver and anything but bears-on-two-legs, they remained untouched.

Murder Trial

The paper company came to the conclusion that an old Indian curse prevalent 100 years ago still lingers in Manitoulin. The Indians are unwilling to talk about it to white men, so little is known about it except such information as was gleaned during the murder trial of an Indian.

"Walking Bear" is a sorcerer assuming many shapes and using many tools, bones and herbs to make "bad medicine." He is the ministrations of good medicine men fail to remove the evil effects created by Walking Bear, then it may be necessary to kill the "Walking Bear Spirit."

The favourite recipe for killing a "Walking Bear" appears to have been simple and inexpensive. It consisted of cutting up a Canadian five-cent piece (nickel) into small pieces and loading them into an old-fashioned muzzle loader. Only one tiny piece of the nickel was used, the "Walking Bear" spirit in order to kill him, but the man himself could not look directly at the target; the wife would receive the curse. — *Mail Special.*

ATOMBURGERS COMING UP



Vivacious Kathy Norris sizzles hamburgers in a skillful heated by America's first commercial atomic power. Kathy demonstrated atomic cooking at a historic ceremony recently at West Milton, New York, where Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, threw the switch that sent the first commercial atomic electric power surging through the lines of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. A General Electric turbine-generator was powered by steam from a land-based prototype atomic reactor for the Navy submarine. Seawolf constructed for the Atomic Energy Commission. — *Express Photo.*

New York Support For Gen. Sun Li-Jen

New York, Aug. 24.

An editorial in the New York World-Telegram and Sun today said it was "inconceivable" that Gen. Sun Li-jen, who was forced out as Chiang Kai-shek's Chief of Staff "would have even the slightest connection with Communist factions."

"Yet he is pressured into resigning for negligence because an obscure subordinate got his feet wet with Communist intrigue as charged," the Scripps-Howard newspaper said. "That a four-star General should be disgraced and punished for the reasons announced is absurd if not preposterous."

First Tourists In Moscow

Moscow, Aug. 24.

A group of 28 tourists — 26 British and two Australians — the first to visit Russia since the war, arrived from Leningrad today by train for a six-day stay in Moscow.

The group includes a number of people born in Russia or in territory ceded to the Soviet Union since the war, who hope to trace relatives.

Small parties of Britons have previously come to Moscow in connection with matches played here by English football teams, but this is the first group to come purely on a tourist basis. — *China Mail Special.*

RETURNED AIRMAN MAKING PROGRESS

Seoul, Aug. 24.

A Fifth Air Force spokesman said today that Lieutenant Guy H. Bumpas, returned by the Communists yesterday, was resting well in bed at 121 Evacuation Hospital near Inchon, being held for "further observation."

The spokesman said Lieutenant Bumpas had "apparently no infection" and added that the cut in his head was healing fine.

Lieutenant Bumpas' trainer plane was shot down by Communist fire in the northern sector of Korean demilitarized zone.

He was returned by Communists yesterday in the demilitarized zone with body of a passenger of his plane, Captain Charles W. Brown. — *Reuter.*

Police And Troops On Alert In Brazil

Rio De Janeiro, Aug. 24.

POLICE and troops were on the alert throughout Brazil today — the first anniversary of the suicide of President Vargas — but no incidents were reported in the early part of the day.

The Communists feared that the anniversary would lead to a possible attempt at a military coup d'etat.

Police units in all centers were alerted to the possibility of a military coup d'etat. The former dictator who shot himself a year ago today in the presidential palace after the army had forced his resignation.

In the country is the presidential election due in October. The Army is reported to fear that the probable election of Juscelino Kubitschek, former Governor of the state of Minas Gerais, would mean the "return" of the corrupt regime of Vargas and a new military movement towards "constitutionalism."

Diplomat Worried Over Cyprus BRITAIN'S FAILURE TO GIVE SOVEREIGNTY

London, Ontario, Aug. 24.

The Greek Ambassador to Canada, Raoul Bibica-Rosetti, is particularly worried about Britain's failure to give Cyprus sovereignty, especially now that the Russians have launched a peace offensive, he said last night.

The Ambassador visited London, where he was a guest of the city's Greek community. At a press conference he said British, Greek and Turkish relations may be ruptured if Britain refused Cypriot demands for self-determination and the right to unite with Greece or remain an autonomous state.

He said now was the time for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to be stronger than ever before, but the present crisis might touch off hostilities in the Near East.

The Ambassador outlined the possible route Communist countries could follow in an attempt to conquer the Near East and Africa if the Cypriot issue was not resolved and Britain was asked by the Greek Government to withdraw its forces from the country.

Claim Abandoned

The Foreign Ministers of Greece, Britain and Turkey are scheduled to meet on August 29 to study military security of the Mediterranean and the Cyprus issue. Mr Bibica-Rosetti said the Greek Government already had informed the United Nations that Britain should hand Cyprus over to the Cypriots.

He said Britain was "not diplomatically astute" in inviting Turkey to the talks. He said it appeared to the Greek people as a move to rupture relations between Greece and Turkey. He said under the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923 Turkey abandoned any future claim to Cyprus and in 1925 it was proclaimed a British colony.

According to the Greek Ambassador Cyprus is not necessary in the defence of the West, but Britain maintains that it is. — *United Press.*

Britain Now Europe's Big Wool Producer

London, Aug. 25.

Britain now produces more wool than any other country in Europe — outside the Communist sphere — and has the eighth largest production in the world, the British Wool Marketing Board stated today (Thursday).

For the third successive year British wool fetched higher prices and its marketing costs lower than the year before, the Board added in its annual report.

This was due to improved standard of wool production in Britain and to the growing reputation of the Board's organised system of marketing, paying special attention to buyers' needs, it said.

THE CLIP

The 1954 British wool clip totalled 72,500,000 lbs which was 3,300,000 lbs five per cent more than the 1953 clip.

It was sold at an average of 54.6 pence per lb totalling £16,500,000 in value. The guaranteed price paid to producers was 54 pence per lb while marketing costs amounted to 4.21 pence per lb.

New financial arrangements with the Government set "an assured pattern for the future," the Board added. — *Reuter.*

Convertiplane Tested

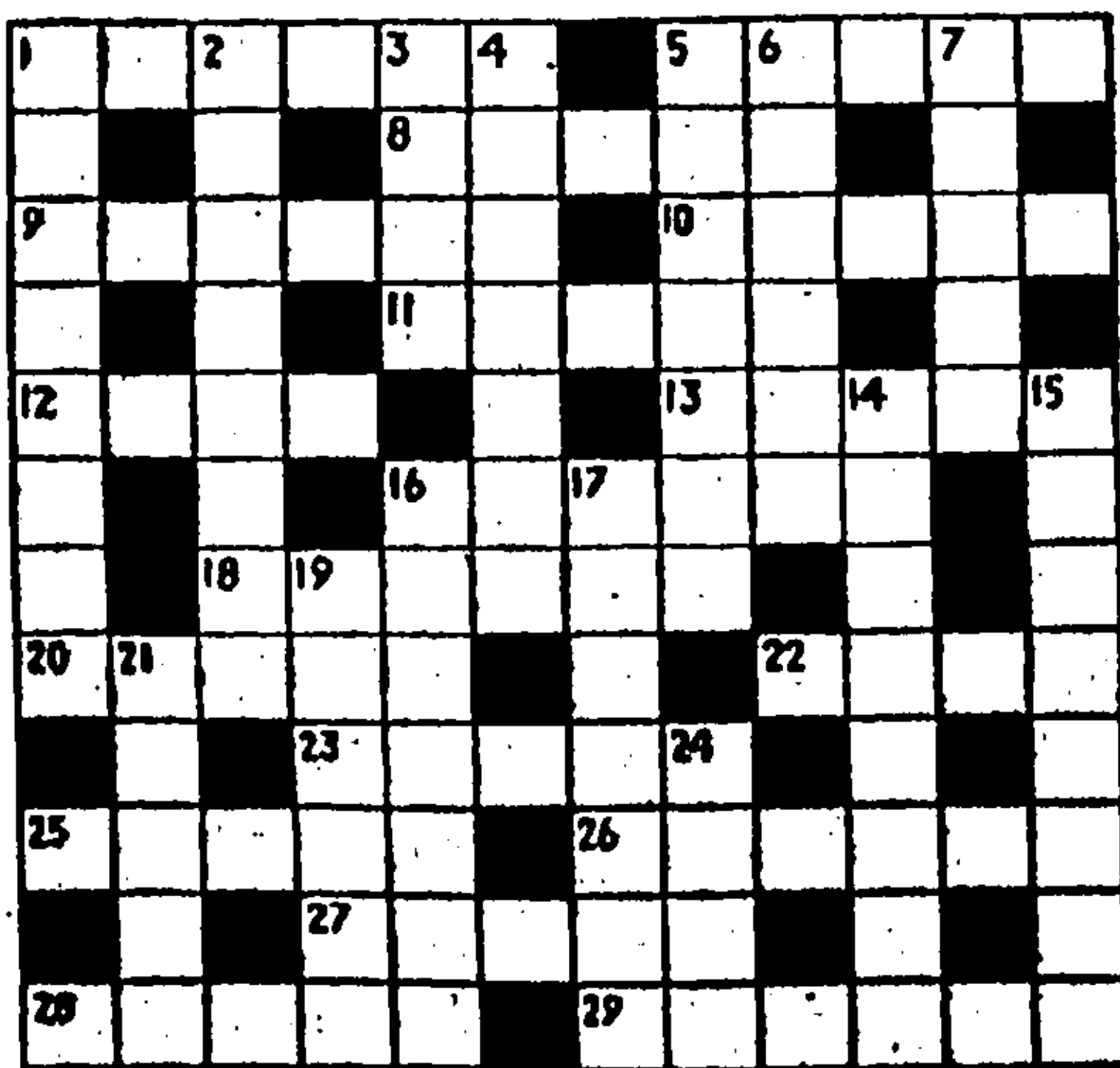
Washington, Aug. 24.

The American Army said today that a "Convertiplane" combining the characteristics of both the aeroplane and helicopter has been tried out at the Bell Aircraft works at Fort Worth, Texas.

The machine has already taken off vertically and climbed to a height of 25 feet. Experiments will be made to see what it can do horizontally.

The convertiplane is very like an ordinary aircraft. The main difference is in the three propellers mounted on a rotary arm at the end of each wing. — *France-Press.*

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Little-tattle (6).
 - 2 Jacket (8).
 - 3 Torrier (8).
 - 4 Felon (8).
 - 5 Lubricated (5).
 - 6 Wooden shoe (8).
 - 7 Lichen colour (4).
 - 8 Nuisances (5).
 - 9 Demure (6).
 - 10 Anger (6).
 - 11 Pretended (6).
 - 12 Fish (4).
 - 13 Part of a church (6).
 - 14 Fruit (6).
 - 15 Dotted (6).
 - 16 Condition (5).
 - 17 Confused fight (6).
 - 18 Harlots (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Flower (8).
 - 2 Take away (8).
 - 3 Freezes up (4).
 - 4 Sunshade (7).
 - 5 Cavalryman (7).
 - 6 Joins (6).
 - 7 Lifeline (6).
 - 8 Sit astride (8).
 - 9 Goes down (8).
 - 10 Dressmaker (7).
 - 11 Exhaust (7).
 - 12 Funeral carriage (6).
 - 13 Mediterranean island (6).
 - 14 Uniform (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Last, 7 Erupt, 8 Exit, 9 Nios, 10 Merited, 12 Draw, 13 Groed, 14 Shed, 15 Erode, 16 Onits, 17 Abet, 18 Sore, 19 Lene, 20 Aerated, 21 Corn, 22 Aria, 23 Srip, 24 Hole, Down: 1 Green, 2 Upright, 4 Abide, 5 Heed, 6 Pile, 9 Need, 11 Treas, 12 Root, 14 Wren, 15 Debar, 17 Coal, 18 Sign, 20 Repasts, 22 Area, 24 Camel, 25 Septa, 27 Earn, 28 Bear.

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SEEING THE PEOPLE'S CHINA WITH RUSSELL SPURR



WITH CHOU EN-LAI at the NEW 'NIGHT CLUB'

I WAS dining with Chou En-lai. So were a thousand other people. We were scattered at small tables around the hall of a Peking hotel. The occasion: Some East European national day.

I could see Red China's Premier quite well through opera glasses. He sat sipping vodka, seldom speaking, beside an envoy of the Soviet Union. Chou nodded absently to interpreted chatter.

Suddenly he stood up. His teeth and his upturned glass glittered in the floodlights. This was the public Chou—the magazine-cover figure I had just been watching through the loudspeakers: "To peace, to friendship among peoples, to a peaceful solution of all the outstanding issues." Everyone drank. Everyone applauded.

The girls

PRETTY little Chinese girls, got up to look like Russians, played an accordion and sang Russian songs. A pimply pianist staggered through an agonising Chopin mazurka. Acrobats did impossible things on a stage. But Premier Chou paid little attention. He lapsed back into his private pose, sipping the vodka and smiling the kind of smile that makes Westerners think the Chinese are inscrutable.

I wondered if he could be recalling another toast only five months ago. Mao Tse-tung was present then. It was some great Chinese-Russian occasion. A hastily-painted portrait of Bulgarian, still unwashed, beamed down like Buffalo Bill from a forest of flags.

Chou was not smiling then. Chou was a Chinese war lord. "We will liberate Formosa from the American aggressors. We warn them now—if they want war they can have it."

Well, Formosa is no longer mentioned in Chinese Communist society.

Instead, there is an absorbing witch hunt for "counter-revolutionaries."

The clubs

NATIONAL days are a substitute for night clubs in Peking.

Night clubs have long been closed. Frequent, well-attended celebrations in a Peking hotel serve to bring society together.

There are a few non-comrades. Representatives of the Western diplomatic corps trying not to look as if they are enjoying themselves. Indian and Burmese diplomats, trying to look as if they are.

Professional delegates, cultural or economic, who seem to spend their lives the V.I.P. way as guests of innumerable Governments.

Itinerant journalists bewitched or bothered according to their political persuasion.

Gushing Russians, beaming Bulgarians, cheerful Czechs, all guzzling free food and liquor. The same old guests keep coming back for more—even anticipating each event on their personal red-starred calendars.

The dance

TIME to dance. A Chinese military band had broken out into Socialist ballroom music. Not much different from the kind you could hear

in the Palais at home, except it is played worse.

A massive woman, diplomat from Moscow had dragged a protesting Russian journalist on to the dance floor. They jiggled through the straggle like a bulldozer propelled by vodka.

Members of the British Embassy, apologetically stubbing their partners' toes, stepped politely aside. Communist officials watched admiringly as they cut a swath through the hall.

The women

THE lean, post-revolutionary days are over. Enjoyment is the order, the very definite order, of the day.

Women's dress is back too—by party decree. Five years of male impersonation are over. Slacks are out, skirts in.

A few of the older women guests had actually managed to dig out pre-Communist dresses which smelt of mothballs.

Some of the young girls had managed to improvise extraordinary creations out of material that looked like curtaining.

They watched with envy the beefy Soviet women gliding round in Peking-made party dresses that would have suited and fitted—the elderly Queen Victoria.

I wondered what had happened to the glamorous Russian women of the old spy novels.

These new versions seemed to have spent their girlhood exercising with pneumatic drills. Their muscles were magnificent, their manner assured. They simply did not look like women.

The exit

THE music paused. Chou En-lai got to his feet. Was he going to dance? I regretted the Secret Police had impounded my cameras.

But no, the master diplomat strolled through a crowd of admirers applauding himself in the Chinese Communist manner. He paused in a doorway, still half-smiling.

Then the band struck up, the dancers swirled around.

Chou vanished into the hot summer night in his black bullet-proof car.

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PARIS NEWSLETTER

THE ABBE WINS THE BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE

From WILLIAM ROLAND

PARIS. The Fermeture Annuelle—the August shut down in Paris—extends even to the shelters where homeless working people who cannot afford the price of a hotel room normally get a place to sleep for the night.

In the face of official indifference the Abbe Pierre (real name Henri Groues—the Pierre is a legacy from the Resistance days) has come to the rescue. He has fought and won the battle of the bridge.

Rag pickers

The Abbe and his small army of rag pickers have commandeered the arches under the Pont de Sully in the centre of Paris. There they have set up army surplus tents, stove beds and even pots of geraniums and 400 people a night sleep underneath the arches.

Backed by the Paris Prefect of Police, M. Dubois, the Abbe defied an order from the River Navigation Authority to break up camp, and plans to swoop on other bridges while the holiday season lasts.

The Abbe's organisation—known as the Compagnons D'Emmaus—has come a long way since the days when he first rented a large old house in a Paris suburb and took in a few homeless people.

Small flat

It is now housed in a large building near the market bought out of public subsidies. There, with a staff of 10 men, modern office equipment, the Abbe himself lives in a

top floor in a small flat, "mothered" and cooked for by his secretary, Mlle. Lucy Coutaz, who has worked with him since they were both in the Resistance at Grenoble.

She was one of the first women to be awarded the Croix de Guerre during the war. To date, Emmaus has borrowed 22,000,000 francs for housing projects—20 percent of it put down in cash—and it plans to build 2,000 new homes.

From the headquarters building the Abbe finds time to direct a fortnightly illustrated magazine with a 100,000 circulation.

A thousand rag pickers work for Emmaus. They pool their earnings and help build houses in their spare time. The Abbe draws only enough money from the organisation's funds for his bare needs. He said: "This all started because the house I first rented was too big for me."

Like his friend Mendes France, the Abbe never dinks anything stronger than milk. His only recreation is to go off in his small car to some quiet spot for a day or two of absolute silence.

Lost and found

A PARIS tourist had his wallet stolen. It contained a steamship ticket and 50,000 francs (2500). Scowling, he hurried to the steamship company and bought a fresh ticket. He was advised to call at the lost property office. Next day the tourist, now overjoyed, returned to get a refund on the second ticket.

He had recovered his wallet. It was the original ticket. The 50,000 francs and several thousand francs more. The thief had lost the wallet and it had been found and handed in to the police.

"Oo said anything about peace and quiet? My advert said 'Seaside' ut, 'arf-minute from sea, not another 'ouse for miles,' and nor there ain't."

—(London Express Service).

The Prompt Marriage

● FACT or FICTION? All the stories in this series COULD be true... but did this one actually happen? The answer will be published tomorrow.

I learned that she had possessed once, staggering with a load of Christmas parcels to the post office. I could not close the front door behind me; this lapse put her in a rare talking about burglars. To make her happy I had special locks put on her door and windows.

She had been with me a year when it befell that, late as usual, I was hurriedly preparing to go out to a dinner party and Anna came to my bedroom. She announced: "I have been correspondence with someone through a marriage bureau."

"How enterprising," I applauded, warmly—yet absently for I was applying lipstick.

"And today we met," she continued.

With much leisure I'd have been as much interested. I hope as sympathetic, as would most people. Even as it was I had to ask how the occasion had prospered.

"I have had a proposal of marriage," confided Anna.

Radiant...

I was working on my face against time, and all the worse for interruptions; I felt that anyone else's life could wait until the morning.

"Splendid, Anna!" I cried, still absent while enthusiastic. "Simply splendid. I wish I had said I must tell me everything about it tomorrow."

"I have accepted," she persisted, "and I want to leave with him in two days' time."

That shook me. I protested: "You can't do that. You have to give me a week's notice; the minimum I could give to you."

"But suppose he will not wait for me?" asked Anna.

I am a great believer in everyone's duty to honour material contracts, no matter how disadvantageous; and the report that if he wouldn't wait a week he wasn't worth having was obvious. But Anna looked radiant like a young girl, and I thought it absurd to insist, whether or not I could have insisted successfully.

Lively and spry

She told me that she was quite a bit older than she was a recent widow with a bit of money, and lived in a nice cottage in Yorkshire. The marriage bureau had, of course, required to be satisfied, as to his finances and serious intentions to marry.

I mentioned that she might be a bit older than she was a recent widow with a bit of money, and lived in a nice cottage in Yorkshire. The marriage bureau had, of course, required to be satisfied, as to his finances and serious intentions to marry.



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and perhaps with a little money tucked away—certainly with valuables of some kind behind those best-sitting-room locks.

When I met him next day in the kitchen, I formed a good impression. He had a pleasant appearance, was lively and spry, and seemed to get on with her famously.

The next day I waved them off in their taxi, with Anna's mountain of luggage and her three fur coats.

A week later I got a letter from Anna, giving her full address, and asking me to send on a pair of shoes, some skeins of wool and an umbrella which she had left behind. She reported that she and Mr. Pritchard Palmer had indeed got married; immediately, but that she was posing as his housekeeper, because he did not want the neighbours to know that he had remarried quite so soon.

Civil letter

I did not altogether like this, especially the nuisance of doing up such a parcel. But I sent the stuff off, along with a civil letter. I got no acknowledgment, and had engaged a new housekeeper. I heartily forgot the Pritchard Palmers.

A month or two later I got a letter from Mr. Pritchard Palmer, posted from Battersea. He had written:

"Our marriage has been short but not sweet. Anna is a most deceitful woman. One day while I was out she managed to escape with all her stuff. Please be so kind as to inform me as soon as you hear of her address."

I thought this very odd. Anna was not deceitful, unless one were so harsh as to hold a little exaggeration against her. What sort of man would speak of his wife's "escaping" from him? Why should she write to me upon a five-minute acquaintance, when if I were on any one's side it must be Anna's?

Then, evening, I showed the letter to a brilliant novelist. "He has murdered her," was the verdict. "After who drew my stuff to him?"

"Because Anna and you gave the impression that you might drop in on them in Yorkshire any day. You have the address, and are perhaps the most solid person she knows. He wants to get in first with his version of her disappearance, before you inquire on your own account."

I was ashamed that I did not intend to inquire and appalled at the thought that I could be anyone's most solid person. I dismissed my friend's theory as over-dramatic and lurid, but I was uneasy. Completing the round-up of my most distinguished acquaintance, I next showed the letter to a famous lawyer. I was badly shaken to find that he, too, thought it very sinister indeed.

A fluent glass

That night I dined with a friend alone at her house, and told her the story without name and address. We decided to play the game in which one puts the letters of the alphabet on a wooden table in a circle round a small glass, placing each a finger lightly on the glass, the fingers touching each other, and then asks questions. A current sets up and the glass swoops around, spelling sense or nonsense or sheer gibberish. I do not know why.

I have never seen the glass so fluent.

Before we had time to open the topic which admittedly filled our minds, it spelt blood and death.

"Who is dead?"

I certainly was not pushing the glass, but it dashed to and fro spelling Anna P.F., and on further inquiry, Pritchard Palmer, lived on from inquiry, as to the address, Red Barn Cottage. It went so fast that I could not follow the letters; it was my friend who read aloud the words she could not possibly have known.

'Hole in moor'

"When did she die?"

"Please his motor car."

The spelling was slower now, by request, and I too could read. "Was it a car crash?"

"Ha, ha, no."

"Then how did she die?"

"Knife in neck."

"Where is she now?" whispered my friend.

"Hole in moor," answered the glass.

We did not like our game. I could hardly nerve myself to take whether she had murdered him, whether she had perhaps suffered extremely of him. We felt downright grateful to the glass when it answered, "No." My friend now questioned it severely, for of that we knew



for unconvincing, inconsistent replies.

"Why did he marry her?"

"Two hundred pounds in post office."

I did not know of this myself, though I was soon to learn that it was the very sum she had mentioned to my sister's cook. It might, perhaps, have been anyone's likely guess.

"Why is he in London?"

"Sell her little things."

"What has he got for them?"

"Thirty pounds."

Thenceforward the glass would do no more for us. Delicately sparing us its too usual B.F., B.F., it spelled only aw, or perhaps was we

The knife in the neck and the hole in the moor made shivery bed companions, and I was haunted, too, till sleep came, by the tale of a small little thing. For this explained what I had not thought of: why he was in London.

To support his story of her flight he had to dispose of her bulky gear. This could only be by the sale of her little things. For this explained what I had not thought of: why he was in London.

The next morning I received a letter with a Baywater address. It ran:

"Dear Miss Benson,

My husband turned out to be a perverse of the most awkward kind. So I will be much obliged if you will give me a reference. How are you?

Yours very sincerely,

Anna."

I never learned what her husband was doing in Battersea, WORLD COPYRIGHT RESERVED

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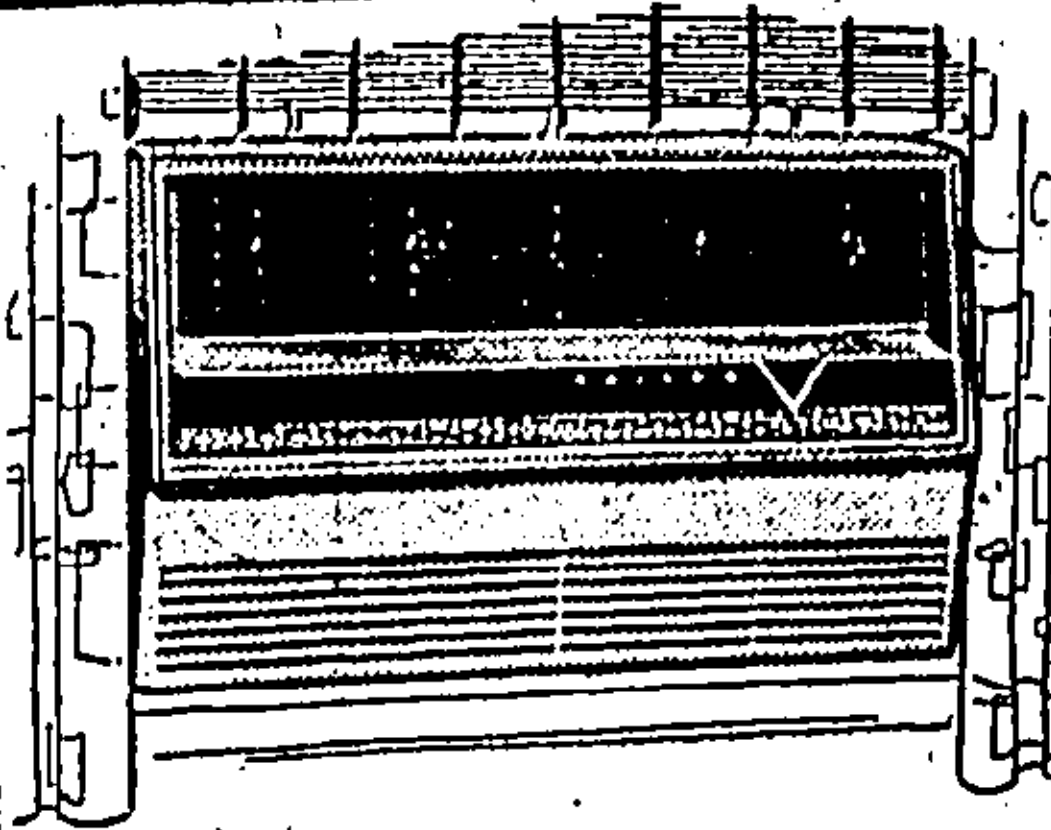
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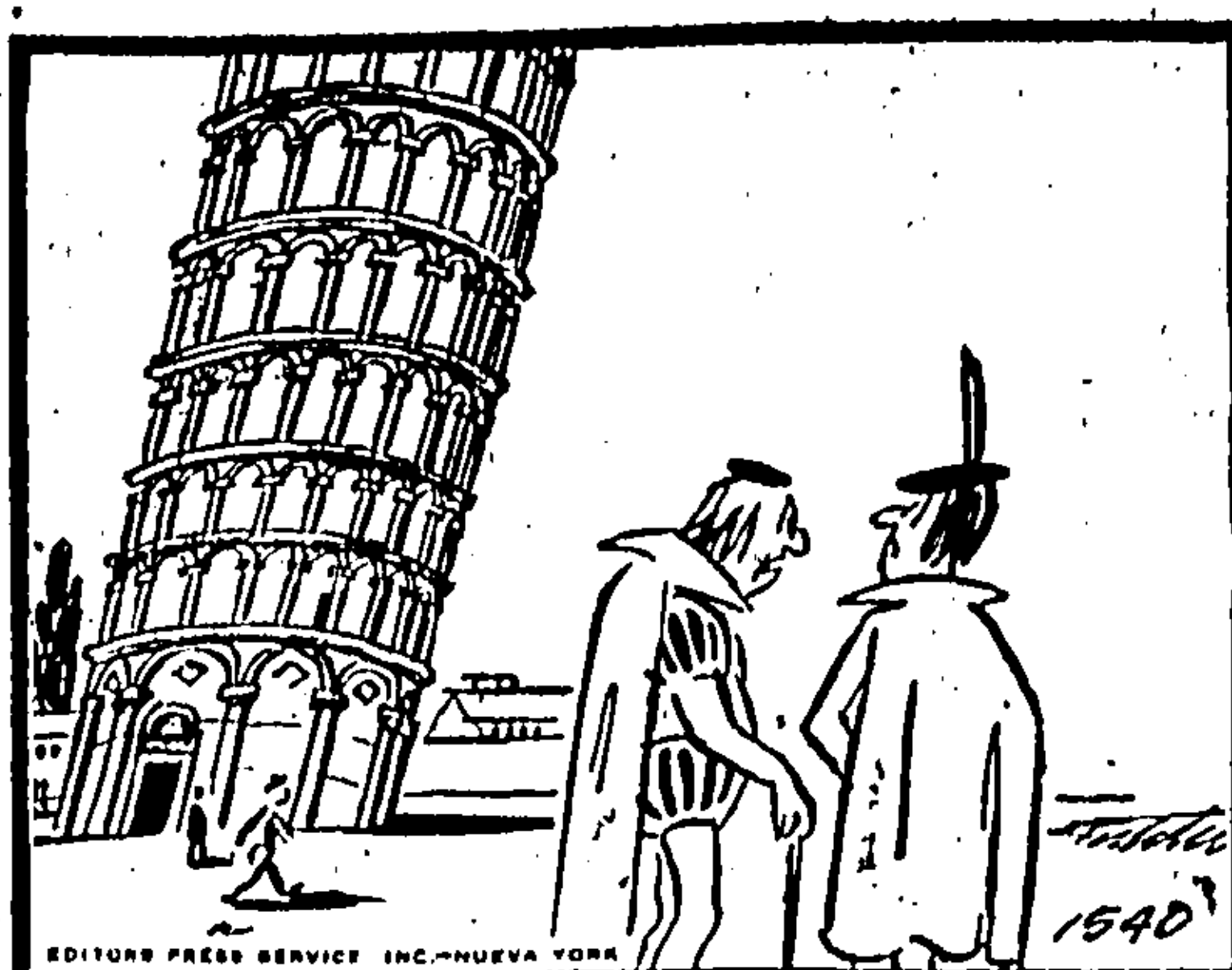
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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

IT is not every day that a pianist at a concert shouts to the audience, "This piano plays like a front gate. It should be used for firewood."

This happened in Sydney Town Hall the other day. The formal remarks of this sort establish a friendly feeling between audience and performer. Nobody who was in the Music Conservatory at Walsall on June 29 last year will ever forget the cheers when Rustiguzzi's accompanist said loudly, between two items, "I don't see the point of having a foghorn going on this clear summer day." And everybody knows Richter's rebuke to the violins in the Kuraal at Ostend: "If Brahms had wanted to include a number of sawmills in the orchestra, he would have indicated the fact in the score."

"Germaine, oil Mr Cladwell's bat"

CRICKET has always been regarded as the last stronghold of decency in an age of unbridled fluff. No scandals are associated with the game. The players are not doped or malmed before a match. Nor has mixed cricket sullied the county grounds. But let us not be smug. Quietly and insidiously women are at work. They have appeared at Lord's in bathing dresses, and at the Oval in backless evening gowns. It is said that a batsman (Mr. Trafford) completed a run—but did not stop. He continued to run all the way to the pavilion, where he had caught sight of a party of dancing girls. The demand for lady umpires (umpirettes) is but one manifestation of a potent nature which may yet reduce cricket to the level of the Halmia Thursdays at Penzance.

Whoa! Kerm up there!

CONTEMPLATING GEORGE

Elton's equine face in a picture, I was reminded of the

day when she called for her horse and they saddled the absent-minded Wordsworth and led him round to the front entrance. My fellow-hack, Timothy Shy, once remarked that Wordsworth and George Eliot were often mistaken for each other—particularly when they were between shafts. I wish I could have introduced Henry James to them both. Wordsworth's sonnet to George Eliot with her nosebag on is well known—

George Eliot, Chaste snowdrop of the wild,
Why hidest thou thy beauty in a sack?
Bright angel! Nature's lone, perennial child!
Why cat'st thou as the horses eat? Alack!
O fiery steed, impatient of the rein,

TURN IN HIS BRIDGE DETECTIVE'S

badge. Do your detective work before you read on.

East was the criminal, for the hand should be defeated. East should overtake the queen of hearts with the king, just in case West has led a singleton. This happens to be the case. East continues with the ace of hearts, takes a third trick with the jack of hearts, and then leads a fourth heart.

When the fourth heart is led through him, South cannot prevent the loss of a trump trick. If South ruffs low, West will overruff immediately. If South plays with an honour, West will discard and will later make a natural trump trick with the nine.

The point is a very simple one, to be sure, but it was actually missed by a very experienced player. One way to avoid missing such plays at the table is to become thoroughly familiar with the idea on paper and thus be ready for it when it does come along.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

BORN today, you have a highly adaptable nature and are quick to adjust yourself to changing situations. You are a keen observer of human nature and have literary talent so that if you make use of these gifts you will find that you may acquire fame as well as fortune. You have a retentive memory for detail and although you are highly critical of the actions of others, you are usually able to find the good in everyone. You have a deep interest in nature and the exact sciences and might make a fine laboratory technician. With the proper training you would make a fine physician. Although your likes and dislikes are strong, you have schooled yourself not to show any emotion and only those closest to you know how keenly you feel about things. There will probably be one real love in your life and if that romance did not culminate in

marriage, you might not wed at all. You have a natural instinct for business and need to be warned against being a little too adventuresome, when it comes to expanding your financial interests. The elements of success are within you, so make the best of them at all times. Your temperamental nature is probably your own worst enemy. Try to control it. Among those born on this date are: Bret Harte, and Waldo Frank, authors; Isidore Schneider, poet; Allan Pinkerton, detective; John Crosby, orchestra leader; George Fawcett, actor; Robert Stolz, conductor; Elsie Valentine and Ruby Keeler, actresses.

"To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding star paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

gossip. You will know, in your own heart, what is best to do.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Plans that you make today for the future may be of very great importance, so be extremely wise.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you are planning a heavy schedule of work this winter, make blue prints for it now and follow them.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—You should make plans for a long week-end. Change your pattern of living, if you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—It is possible that you are in line for promotion just now. Experience is always important.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Protect your personal property for there is a real possibility of loss unless you are careful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Learn to control emotions especially if you suffer disappointment by keeping busy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—All affairs on the home front are highly favourable these days so take full advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Unfortunately, you may have to put business before pleasure today so stick to routine.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you are asked to contribute your time and money to neighbourhood affairs, agree to do it graciously.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—In making important decisions, you must pass judgment without bias. If you are to be fair-minded.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—It is likely that money-matters will be of the utmost importance in this day's happenings.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Pay no attention to random

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bridge Crime Helps Rivals

By OSWALD JACOBY

A BRIDGE crime was committed when today's hand was played. See if you can spot the crime and the criminal.

West opened the queen of hearts and shifted to a low club at the second trick. Declarer put up the ace of clubs, drew three rounds of trumps and then ran the rest of his trumps for good measure, saving the five diamonds in the dummy. South finally led a diamond and took the rest of the tricks in dummy, making the contract with two overtricks.

Anybody who can't point to the criminal should get ready to

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Opening lead—♥Q			

turn in his bridge detective's badge. Do your detective work before you read on.

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★CARD SENSE★

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Spade Pass 1 NT Pass
2 Clubs Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠ 7 9 10 ♠ 5 4 ♠ A Q 9 3
What do you do?

A—Pass. You have proper values for your first response, but game is very unlikely when your partner cannot make a jump rebid. Accept a comfortable part score.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ 7 9 10 ♠ 5 4 ♠ A Q 9 3
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

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FOUR GIRLS HAD 14 HUSBANDS

Mother Acquired Fortune

Moscow, Aug. 24.

Kometa, Nasart, Tovman and Kaipu, the lovely black-eyed much-married girls of Changyr-Tash, are just a little tired of getting married.

They are unlikely to wed again unless it is a real love-match. For the mother of Kometa, Nasart, Tovman and Kaipu has at last been exposed after marrying off the four sisters to 14 different husbands in exchange for dowries.

The stranger - than - fiction story of how the girls were sold and re-sold by their mother in an out-of-the-way settlement close to the Soviet-Chinese border has just appeared in a Moscow newspaper.

The four beautiful sisters, daughters of a peasant woman, Saidat Adkhalmova, grew up in the settlement of Changyr-Tash, a tiny Moslem village in the deep south of Kirghizia, a Soviet republic bordering on China. Adkhalmova seemed such a good mother at first that the Government gave her a "medal of maternity," the newspaper Komissol Pravda reported.

Forbidden To Leave
When Kometa, the eldest daughter, was 17, her mother told her: "It's high time for you to get married." And she ad-vised: "Without money, hap-piness is impossible."

Soon, Kometa was married off to Zaindy Viskhanov, a man 20 years older than the bride, but with enough resources to pay 20,000 roubles (about £2,000 sterling) to the mother. Kometa and Viskhanov drove away to set up home in the Djambul region of neighbouring Kazakhstan. After a short time, Adkhalmova wrote to ask her daughter to visit the settlement again. Once back in Changyr-

Tash, Kometa was forbidden by her mother to leave again. The mother looked around and found a new husband for her, Jalalidin Radzov, who paid 5,000 roubles (about £500 sterling) to marry Kometa. The first husband was abandoned.

Once again, Kometa settled down with her new husband, and once again her mother forced her to leave home. A third husband was found for her, then a fourth, then a fifth, then a sixth. Each time the scheming Adkhalmova pocketed a fat wad of roubles for selling her daughter.

Eventually, the newspaper said, no-one else could be found who was willing to give a dowry for Kometa as a bride.

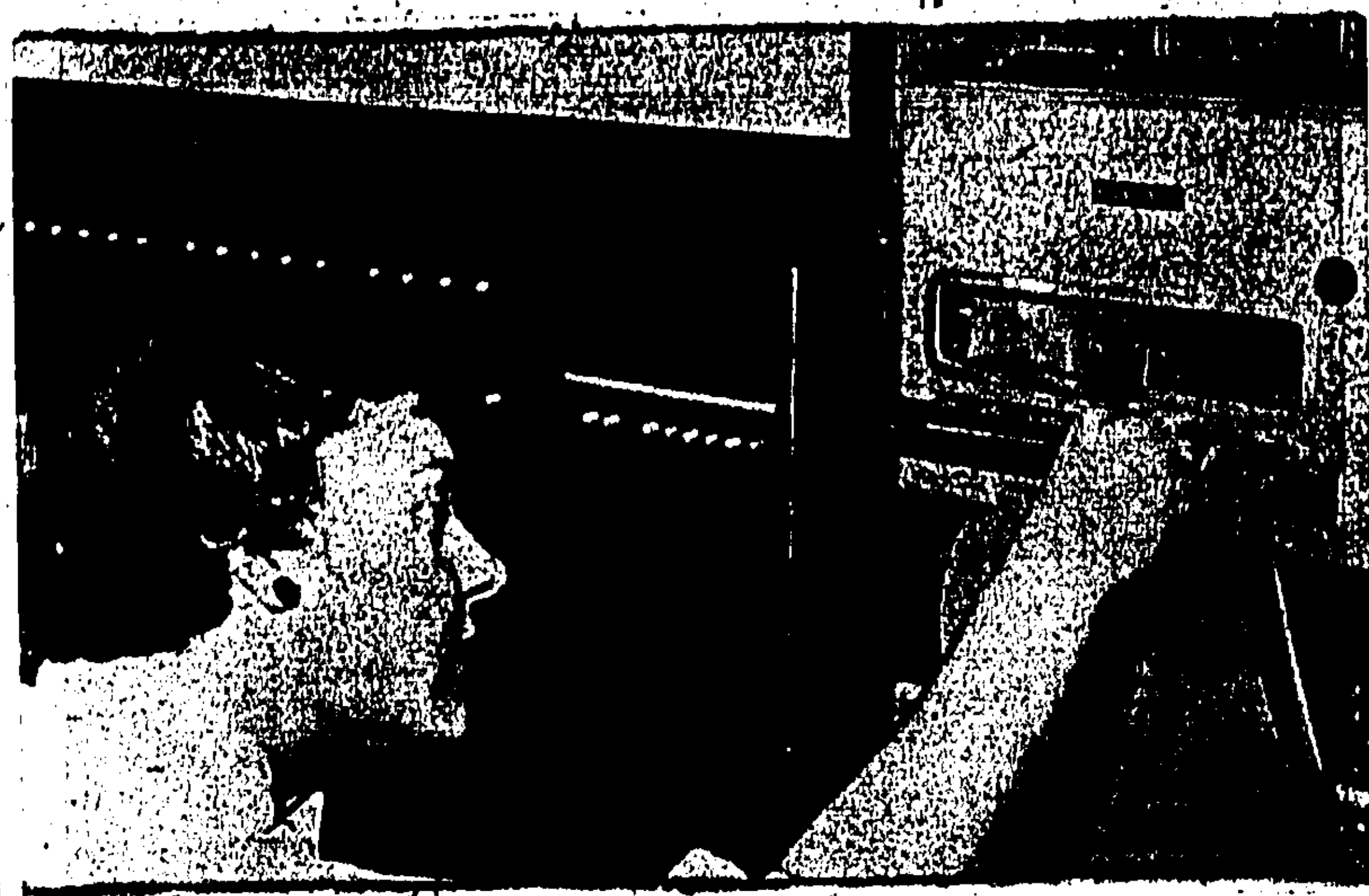
Adkhalmova then turned her attention to her second daughter, Nasart. Together, they travelled 200 miles to the settlement of Khaldarkan, where the girl was married to the highest bidder. Soon afterwards, her mother obtained another dowry, and then a third husband was found for Nasart.

By this time, old Adkhalmova was rich. The third daughter Asma refused to let her mother find a wealthy husband for her, and escaped the fate of her two elder sisters by threatening to tell the police of the "marriage mart" on which Adkhalmova was doing so well.

Two More

This did not disturb the mother unduly, for at home there were still two younger daughters, Tovman and Kaipu. In time they were found successive husbands and more roubles flowed in.

Before the story came to an end, Adkhalmova had sold her four daughters to 14 husbands. In return she received 70,000 roubles (about £7,000 sterling) not to mention large quantities of valuable goods. China Mail Special.



No Protection Against Poaching

Wellington, Aug. 24.

When the Treaty of Waitangi was signed 155 years ago Queen Victoria gave her protection to the Maori and they accepted the sovereignty of Britain.

From time to time a case crops up where a present-day Maori claims that that protection justifies a disregard of the white man's laws.

The most recent case occurred at Whangarei, not far from Waitangi, where the Treaty was signed.

A Maori, Mr Timoti Heteraka, caught in the act of taking godwits, a bird which is protected by law, claimed that as the old-time Maori could take all birds for food, the Treaty of Waitangi gave him the same right at the present day.

The Magistrate was not convinced and the three godwits shot Heteraka a total of £24 5s 0d in fines and court costs. China Mail Special.

Robot Phone Call Counter

This unique telephone ac-counting robot has been installed in the Park Hotel, Düsseldorf, and has been proving a great success. Pro-duced by a German Instru-ment factory the machine is connected to the telephone system and when a call is completed the caller merely presses a button and a de-tailed account of the call is automatically supplied show-ing number called - duration of the call - date and time and cost etc. - Express Photo.

ADENAUER PLANS STRATEGY Moscow Visit

Geneva, Aug. 24.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and his top foreign policy advisers have completed West German strategy preparations for his Moscow trip in September, a spokesman for the Chan-celler said at Mueggen today.

Dr Adenauer, Foreign Minis-ter Heinrich von Brentano and aides held a high level strategy conference that lasted all day yesterday. They met at the hotel in this Swiss Alpine resort where Adenauer is vacationing until on August 27.

The spokesman said that Dr Adenauer's programme for his momentous talks with the Krem-lin leaders is now complete.

He will meet with Party leaders this weekend in the hope of winning as broad a political support as possible at home before he flies to Moscow. United Press.

New 7th Fleet Commander

Washington, Aug. 24.

The Navy announced today that Rear-Adm. Stuart H. Ingersoll will replace Vice-Adm. A. M. Pride as commander of the powerful Seventh Fleet in the Far East in December or January.

Adm. Ingersoll has served the past two years as Chief of Staff of the Atlantic Fleet under Adm. Gerald White, Fleet Commander. He was an aircraft carrier commander in the Pacific in World War II. -United Press.

WHITE DIVER CAN MATCH JAPS

Darwin, Aug. 24.

A 32-year-old white pearlshell diver, who intends to retire at the end of the season, claims to have exploded the theory that a European cannot equal a Japanese as a diver.

He is Richard Edward Sommers, the last of one hundred Europeans who, since World War II, have tried gathering shells from the seabed off the north Australian coasts.

For nine years, he has de-fied the extreme pressure of the depths, paralysis, diver's sickness and "the bends."

Sommers, known as the "White Pearl" is No. 1 diver with his own outfit operating off Bath-urst Island, 40 miles north of here. He has three Japanese divers and five Japanese crew working with him.

Last season, with another white man, Curly Bell, and a Broome half-caste, Joe Hunter, Sommers returned to port with more than 28 tons of shell, taken in six weeks—a post-war record for Darwin, and a haul which even the Japanese simi-larly equipped will have diffi-culty in bettering.

Main Danger

The main danger in diving is not under water at all, Sommers says, but on the surface, in the "tender" who holds the diver's lifeline in his hands, like a puppet on a string. Trained Japanese tenders are the quick-est to respond to the diver's signals—and it is the seconds that count when the man in the helmet is in trouble.

When a diver being dragged along the pearl bed by the tide sees a ledge ahead in the sea-bed, he signals to be raised until he gives another signal to stop.

Slow reaction from the ten-der and the diver is over the ledge and dropping into water fathoms deeper. His helmet is forced off by the increased pressure and the sudden drop until he is over for him.

Down below, the giant devil ray, not the shark, is the diver's enemy.

"I have often rubbed should-ers with man-eating sharks," Sommers says. "I didn't know what to do when I saw one underwater for the first time. I had heard that his nose was his softest spot and when he

made a pass at me I lunged forward at his nose with a shell in my hands. To my amazement, he turned and darted off.

Shark Wary

"The shark is wary in at-tack. If you let out air from your suit, the bubbles will frighten him away."

But the giant devil ray, weighing up to two tons, will not be frightened by air bubbles. On the contrary, he chases them.

When a diver sights a ray, he signals to be pulled up immedi-ately because if the ray should brush against his lifeline, it would snap like cotton.

The proper, a huge cod weighing up to a ton and slow moving, will also attack a diver without much ado. On the bottom, the diver can move quicker than the proper, but the surface is the safest line to defence.

Another threat to divers is the sea snake, although there is no danger from this unless the diver walks over it. Even if he is bitten, the diver who has been working at depth only for a short period and does not have to be "staged," has a chance. If it is too long before he gets to the surface, however, the venom from a bite will have done its work before the operation is complete.

Ignoring Admiralty tables of staging times and the number of dips which can safely be made in a given period is a danger but, said Sommers, "if we stuck to the tables, we should have to be picking up Pieces of Eight" to make a living.

Frighten Away

Sommers believes that diver's paralysis, and its cure, frighten white men from the industry. Luggers off the Australian coast are not fitted with decom-pression chambers and a diver developing pains after surfacing has to be put down to his pre-vious depth. The pain disap-pears as he hangs, sometimes for hours, in the pitch blackness of night, while schools of fish—maybe a shark—dart past in streaks of light in the phosphorus-flecked water.

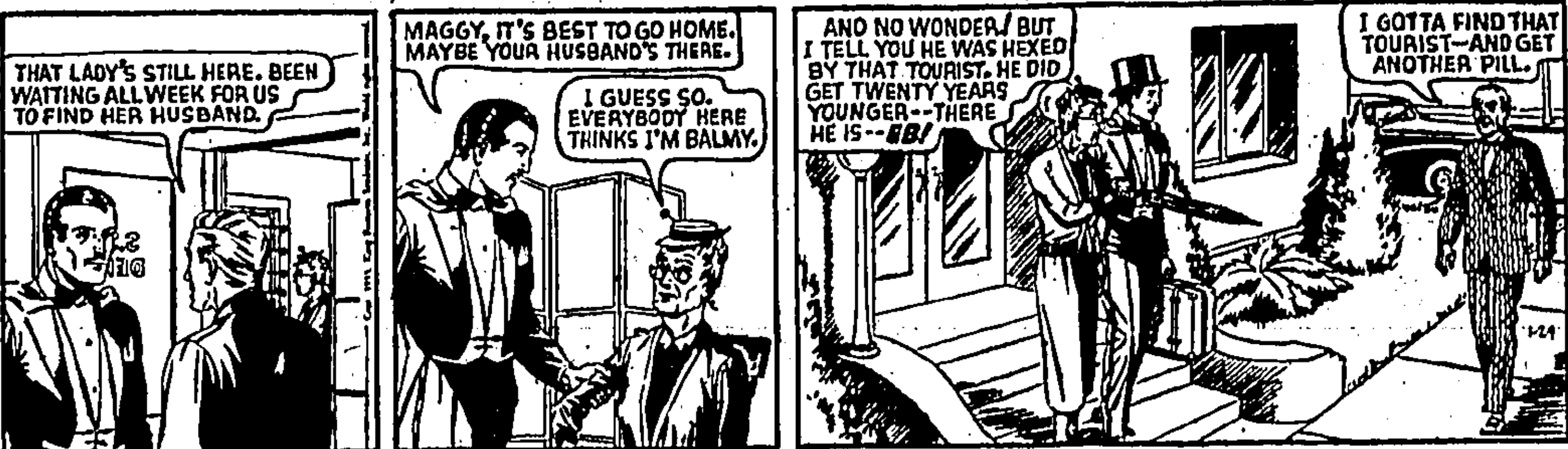
Sommers has won his bread and butter from the sea since he left school when only 14 years old to work with the barracouta, crayfish and scallop fleets out of Hobart, in Tas-mania.

He served with American, Dutch, Norwegian and Pan-a-manian merchantmen during the war and when he last signed off was at Townsville, Queensland. There, he met John Childs, who had set a diving record of 61 fathoms off Sydney.

Childs told him that there was a fortune to be made in pearlshell diving. From various ventures, Sommers has made some money in nine years, but the "fortune" has yet to be gathered and it looks as though it will not now come from his own diving efforts since this is his last season. China Mail Special.

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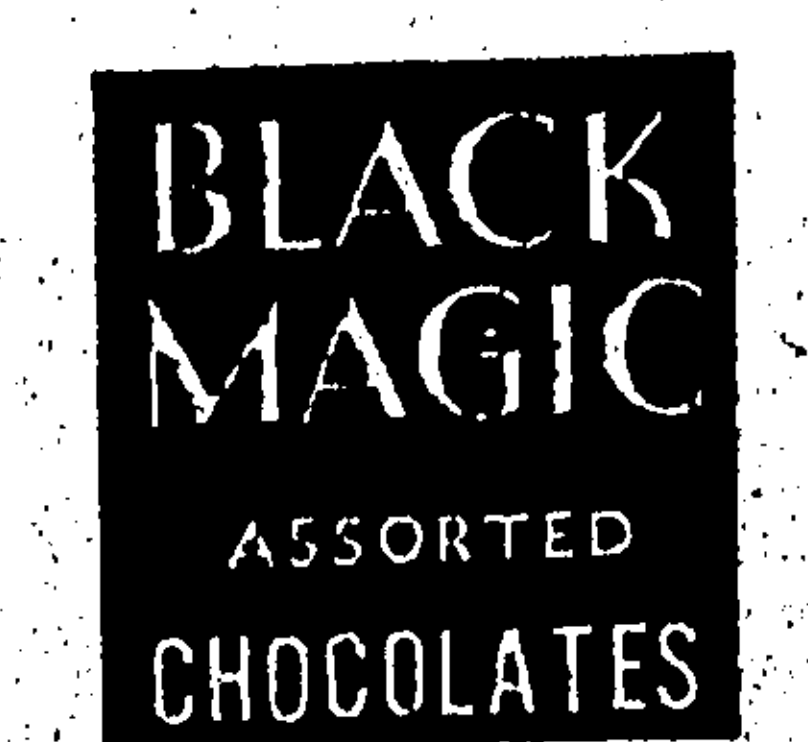
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Home Fleet To Visit Copenhagen

London, Aug. 24.

Part of the British Home Fleet will visit Copenhagen for the British trade fair opening there on September 29, it was announced today.

A complete British military tattoo of more than 800 troops will also be shipped overseas for the first time to give performance during the show. Britain will play Denmark at football and an Anglo-Danish boxing contest will be held.

The Duke will arrive on October 12 on a two-day visit to the great Britanna.

Earlier a major force from the Home Fleet led by its Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Michael Dore, in the last midsummer Apollo and including the Arcton carrier, Albion and two of the British fleet's destroyers, the Daring and the Duke, will sail into Copenhagen harbor.

King Frederick of Denmark and queen will be met by the Danish Queen at the airport. The Danish Queen will receive the British Queen at the airport.

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Shigemitsu Has A Lot To Discuss

(Continued from Page 1)

The possibility of Japan increasing its trade with Communist China was raised and the Foreign Minister said he would discuss the rules prohibiting certain trade with China with Mr. Dulles.

He then discussed the freeing of Japanese war criminals still in custody and said that their retention in prison was "contradictory" to the new understanding between Japan and the United States.

He said the war ended ten years ago. "Now is the time to wash up any trace of that unfortunate war," he said. "It is high time the war prisoners were released."

He said the subject would be discussed with Mr. Dulles and he described that subject on the Washington agenda as "very important."

LOST BAGGAGE

Mr. Shigemitsu was late for his press conference, which was attended by more than a score of reporters, photographers and newsmen, because his luggage had been lost for several hours after his arrival at the Fairmont Hotel, where he will stay overnight before leaving for Washington tomorrow.

The luggage finally was found in a room containing bags belonging to delegates to an electronic convention.

At the press conference also were Mr. Toshikazu Kase, Ambassador and permanent observer for Japan to the United Nations; Mr. Sadao Iguchi, Ambassador of Japan to the United States; and Mr. Toshiro Shimamura, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Washington.

During the press conference the Foreign Minister replied in English, delivering a special message for a Japanese television cameraman in Japanese.

"COMFORT" WISH

Mr. Shigemitsu said that just before he left for Washington he received a personal letter from the former Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, wishing him "comfort" on his journey and a successful trip. He said it was not a political letter.

The Foreign Minister said he agreed with the statement of Japan's economic planner in the Diet that \$500 million in reparations to the Philippines should be considered. He also said Japan should give "very serious" consideration to the reparations proposal of the Philippine government.

"I hope the question will be settled amicably," he said. Mr. Shigemitsu arrived here after his trans-Pacific crossing by Japan Air Lines.

Discussing the levying of the Japanese income tax assessments on foreigners, Mr. Shigemitsu said he believed that foreigners in Japan desired to be treated as Japanese nationals but added that if Americans thought they were unfairly treated he was sure the government would consider practical readjustment of the levies.

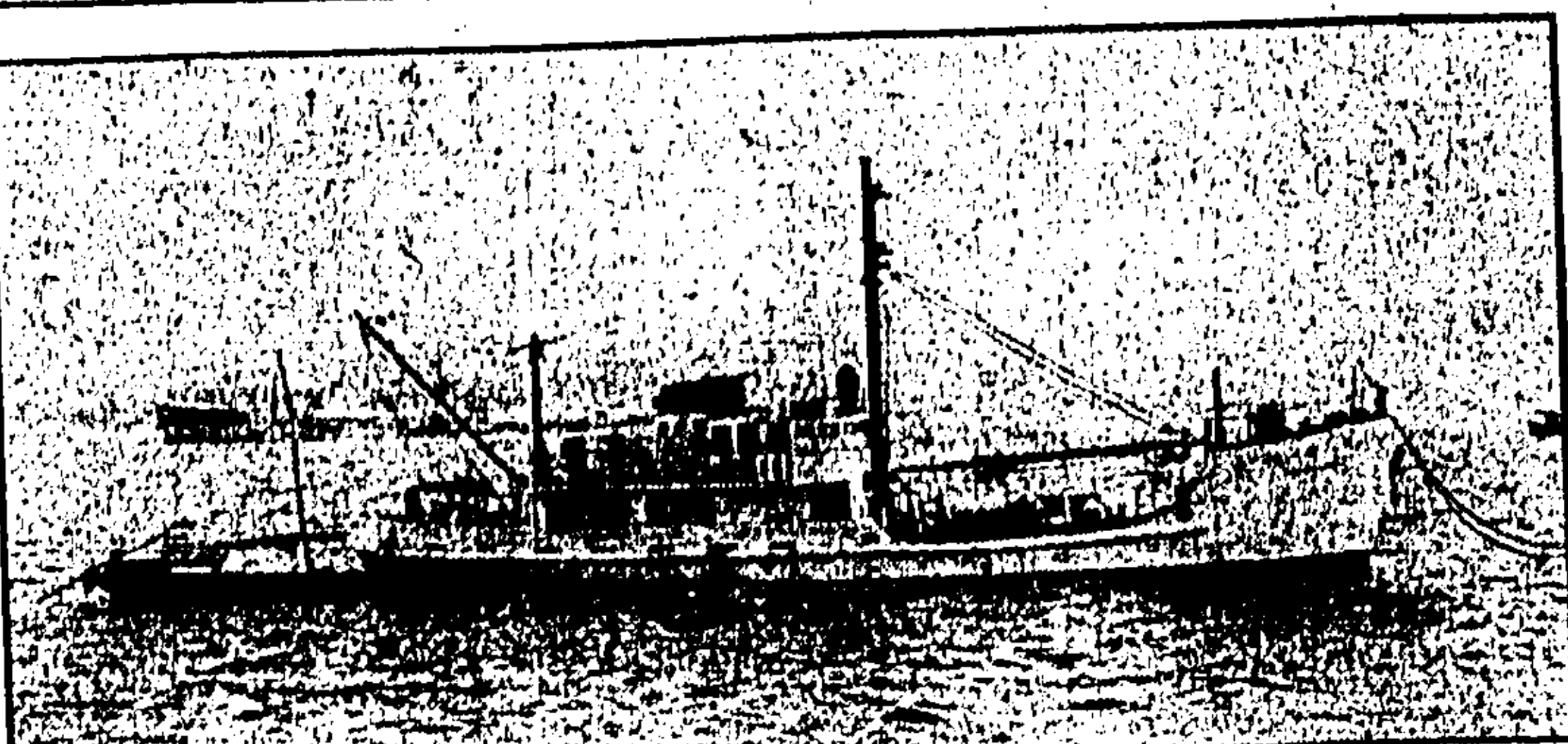
Wages Soar In Britain

London, Aug. 24. More than 10 million Britons have received pay increases this year—almost half the nation's working population—the Ministry of Labour disclosed today. The ministry's official gazette said that since January, wage rises for 10,678,000 people cost about \$2,400,000 weekly had come into operation.

In the same period last year there was a net increase of \$2,485,000 in the weekly wages of 7,841,000 employees.

These latest figures gave point to the Conservative Government's fears that the flood of pay rises could undermine its anti-inflation policy, strengthened recently by a "credit squeeze" designed to cut home British goods for export. Ministers are now anxiously watching the outcome of current wage demands by three million shipbuilders and engineers and a looming claim by nearly 400,000 railway workers.

—Reuter.



The Kenya Lang riding at anchor in Hong Kong harbour this morning before beginning her maiden voyage. — Staff Photographer.

THOSE GENEVA DISCUSSIONS Washington Disturbed And Irritated

Washington, Aug. 24. American officials are disturbed and irritated over the gloomy outlook for early release of the 41 US civilians still held by Communist China, it was learned today.

The United States and Red China have been conferring at Geneva for more than three weeks on the prisoner issue. But the talks have been deadlocked by Communist stalling on guarantees that the Americans will be freed.

While the Reds could announce the release of some or all of the prisoners at any time, officials said there was no sign that such a move could be expected any time soon. However, they still hope some plan can be worked out.

President Eisenhower, the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, and other high administration officials keeping a watch on the Geneva talks, were said to be at a loss to know why the Reds are balking.

TO NO AVAIL

On the eve of the August 1 conference, Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai said the problems of the Americans in China could be settled easily. The US Ambassador, Alexis Johnson, top American at Geneva, has reminded his Chinese colleague of Premier Chou's statement, but to no avail.

The Red negotiator, Wang Ping-nan, has harped on the theme that the cases of the Americans are under review in Red China. But he has been unwilling to give ironclad assurances that they will be freed. Officials said the Reds might be stalling in order to use the prisoners for bargaining purposes with "other matters at issue" between the United States and Red China are discussed at Geneva. The Communists up to date, however, have not attempted to move on to other problems between the two countries, it was said. — United Press.

Doctors Go On Strike

Vienna, Aug. 25. A 48-hour strike of 15,000 doctors and 2,500 dentists commenced this morning in Vienna, where members of the medical profession expressed their dissatisfaction on a new national health law.

During the morning there will be a large meeting to be attended by the strikers and a fleet of cars will be fitted with loudspeakers to tour the city explaining the reasons for the strike.

At the same time an emergency system of 3,000 doctors has been arranged for urgent and serious cases.

This is the first professional strike in Austria since October 1950. — France-Press.

Inquiry Reveals Narcotics Ring

Colombo, Aug. 24. A two-month inquiry into an attempt on June 15 to smuggle 850 pounds of opium from Ceylon to Australia in an electric generator has revealed the existence of an international ring of narcotics dealers, local authorities said today.

Scotland Yard and Ceylon police, who co-operated in the investigation, are asking the Australian government to trace the person to whom the concealed opium shipment was consigned, police said. — United Press.

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HK-Built Ship Sails For Sarawak

A beautifully sleek, yellow and white ship named Kenya Lang, is due to begin her maiden voyage to Sarawak this afternoon.

The ship was built by the Choy Lee Ship Co. under the supervision of the Hong Kong Marine Department. She is intended to be a buoy-tender as well as a lightship.

She is to be delivered by a local crew under Captain S. Barling. The crew will be flown back to Hong Kong on completion of their mission.

The Kenya Lang has an overall length of 113 feet and a maximum width of 24 feet. Has accommodation for 25 officers and crew. The tonnage will be measured in Sarawak.

Powered by a Blackstone Diesel Engine, she has a maximum speed of 9 1/2 knots, and is valued at about HK\$588,000.

Dispute Over Water

"I am a cook, and I have to wash the vegetables which I have bought," pleaded Cheung Kiu, 25, of 368 Main Street, who has been charged with interfering with a public water hydrant without authority before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant was fined \$5 or seven days.

The prosecution told the court that on August 24 defendant was seen by two police constables to be turning off a public water hydrant with a pair of fire tongs.

Asked what was the motive behind his action, accused said his co-tenant had a dispute with him over sharing water in the house, and since they could not settle the dispute in any suitable way, he decided to turn off the main water hydrant so that there would be no water for either of them.

His words said there must be no interference with a water hydrant belonging to the Waterworks.

TYPHOON IRIS HITS FORMOSA

Taipei, Aug. 24. Typhoon Iris moved toward the Tachen Islands late today, leaving behind a flooded city and washed out rail lines, in central Formosa.

The storm hit the east central coast of Formosa early today between Hualien and Taitung. A Central News Agency report said half of Hualien was flooded and rail lines leading to the city had been washed out at five different places. Two serious landslides were reported.

The Hualien weather bureau reported nearly seven inches of rain on Tuesday night.

There was no report of casualties. — United Press.

NO MORE WARNINGS

The Hong Kong Royal Observatory reported late this morning that no information was available concerning the tropical storm Iris, which had moved inland to the NW of Foochow.

No further warnings on this storm will be issued by the Royal Observatory.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Half Hour presented by Robert Acheson (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7.00, The V.O.A. Hour; 7.30, "The Heart of the Matter"; 8.00, Leopold Stokowski and his Symphonies; 8.30, Western Report; 9.00, Signal and the News (London Relay); 9.30, Commentary (London Relay); 10.00, Special Announcement; 10.15, A Short Concert by Alberto Campoli (violin); 10.30, Journey into Space, written and produced by Chilton; 11.00, Episode 11 (BBC); 11.30, Time Signal; 12.00, The News (Hickory London Relay); 12.15, At the Opera; 12.30, "Porgy and Bess" Act 1, George Gershwin; 1.00, Social with Lorraine Engel conducting; 1.30, The Rosemond Johnson Chorus; 1.45, Wally Brown and his Orchestra; 2.00, Night Song; 2.15, George Weathers' Orchestra; 2.30, Western Report; 3.00, Signal; 3.15, Radio News; 3.30, London Relay; 3.45, Goodnight Music; 4.00, Save The Queen; 4.15, Close Down.

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5 p.m. Children's Corner, conducted by Annie Vall; 5.30, Tropics—Latin American Rhythmic Silver Network; 6.00, Music—Time presented by Betty Souza; 6.30, Birdie's Musical; 7.00, The Melody; 7.15, Walter Donaldson; 7.30, Personality Parade—Destiny; 7.45, The Swinging Doors; 8.00, The Story and Sound-track; 8.15, The Story and Sound-track; 8.30, The Story and Sound-track; 8.45, The Story and Sound-track; 9.00, The Story and Sound-track; 9.15, The Story and Sound-track; 9.30, The Story and Sound-track; 9.45, The Story and Sound-track; 10.00, The Story and Sound-track; 10.15, The Story and Sound-track; 10.30, The Story and Sound-track; 10.45, The Story and Sound-track; 11.00, The Story and Sound-track; 11.15, The Story and Sound-track; 11.30, The Story and Sound-track; 11.45, The Story and Sound-track; 12.00, The Story and Sound-track; 12.15, The Story and Sound-track; 12.30, The Story and Sound-track; 12.45, The Story and Sound-track; 1.00, The Story and Sound-track; 1.15, The Story and Sound-track; 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